

Like similar, failed, efforts to simplify and ease examination requirements while paying small heed to the stated goals of Part 97, i.e., "[c] Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art," this proposal will not result in any real, significant growth or enhancement of the service, nor in the retention of new licensees beyond the first expiration date of their licenses.

Therefore:

I agree with:

- Retention of Morse code testing for the Extra Class examination

I disagree with:

- Free upgrades
- Removal of the Morse code test from the General Class examination
- Increasing Amateur Radio Service spectrum allocation to the phone bands
- HF access with no Morse code test